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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed, 28 th June	Early Close 2.30pm Reports Go Home
Fri, 30 th June	Last Day of Term
Tues, 18 th July	STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the end of term approaches, our staff work to provide those extra opportunities for the students. Our pre primary classes have been celebrating multiculturalism and invited parents to come to a lunch where families brought in homemade foods from various countries. It was great to see many families in our pre primary 2 class enjoying lunch together and experiencing new foods. We look forward to sampling our pre primary 1 class lunch this Wednesday. Thanks to the pre primary parents and staff for working together to make such a successful experience for the students.

The year 1 students experienced what it would be like to be at school over 100 years ago. Students were exposed to a classroom set up of no electronics, no power and desks all lined up in a row. It was a lot of fun. The students sang "God Save the King" as he watched on from his picture at the front of the class. The bell was rung and students got to play old fashioned games. Ms Toms, Mrs Loader and Ms Glassby all dressed the part, looking like very tough school teachers. Thanks to our year 1 parents for supporting the day and our teachers for providing the experience.

Our kindy to year 5 students performed for parents and families at our annual edu dance concerts, last week and today. The dance concert was the culmination of a term of dancing lessons and the final productions were all well choreographed, energetic and lots of fun. All dances were fantastic! The students performed with enthusiasm and vigour. The year 5 students have been doing this since pre-primary and after all the years of coaching, they looked amazing. Thanks to our wonderful dance teachers Miss Sewell and Miss Jenna.



Last Wednesday our year 5/6 classes travelled to the Bicton Foreshore where they worked closely with the Bicton Environmental Action Group, City of Melville and Birds Australia on the Banksia Planting project. This year we have an 'Adopt a Spot' area where we planted 180 Banksia trees for the purpose of regenerating the bush land to the natural vegetation and helping to encourage the return of the Black Cockatoos.

Another project the students are looking at is the Shorebirds 2020 project. Currently the nesting area at the end of the sand bar is being disturbed. Students studied the area and will put together posters of awareness that will be printed and displayed at Point Walter. The BEAG representative, Peter Neesham, sent a nice email thanking the students and school:

Dear Bicton Primary School, I would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped make our Banksia planting a big success. The year 5 children planted 180 Banksia trees with help from the parents, grandparents, teachers, group members and the Melville City Council bush crew. The year 6 children walked to the sand bar to take photographs to make posters for the beach-nesting birds awareness project. The children were really well behaved and they did a great job with the planting and showed a lot of enthusiasm and interest. Thanks to the Deputy Principal, Donna Madden and staff.

This term we introduced the Sunshine Classics online reading program. Students were encouraged to go online at home and read the books that teachers assigned. There were also activities to complete after reading the book. The students became engaged very quickly. We had a class challenge to see how many books each class could read. The winners of this challenge were our year 2 room 3 class with second place going to year 5/6 room 5, third was year 2 room 14 and equal fourth went to our year 1 classes in room 1 & 2. Congratulations to all students for participating and thanks to our families for supporting the program. We believe this was a successful program, and will continue. Well done to our students who read a total of 1132 books. This is a fantastic effort. Thanks to our class teachers for supporting the program and a big thank you to Mrs Simper for implementing the program. Well done everyone.

This term has been very busy with many classes involved in a wide range of extra curricula activities and assessments. Some of these activities include: NAPLAN, Wildlife Petting Zoo, Smart School Banking, RAC Road Safety, Constable Care, Relay for Life, Edu dance, Yr 6 camp, Water Polo and Golf lessons, Eagles Cup, lessons from the State Constitutional Centre, many students receiving school merit certificates, choir performances and much more.

Congratulations to all our University of Notre Dame pre service teachers for your terrific teaching during term 2. You leave us at the end of this week and we hope you take with you a repertoire of teaching strategies and ideas to use in your teaching careers. We recognise your commitment to teaching and wish you well for the future.

Thanks everyone for your support given to the P&C and our school over this term

Finally, thanks to our deputies, teachers, education assistants, office, cleaning and garden staff for your great work over the semester. I am very lucky to be the Principal of a wonderful school with great people and fantastic students.

Have a relaxing break and stay safe. See you next term.

Stephen Doherty
PRINCIPAL

EAGLES CUP

Congratulations to all our Eagles Cup sporting teams. The school is very proud of all our team members. They competed with enthusiasm, sportsmanship and enjoyment over the term. Thanks to all the coaches, officials, pre service teachers, staff and especially parents for your support, coaching and umpiring of our teams. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort you put into supporting our school.

SCHOOL REPORTS

This semester's school reports for our pre primary to year 6 students will be sent home tomorrow, Wednesday 28th June. Those families who require a second report will need to contact the office. Please email megan.morley@education.wa.edu.au. Second reports will be posted after the holidays.

NOMINATE A BICTON STAFF MEMBER

The School Board and P&C would like to promote the WA Education Awards. These awards recognise principals, inspirational teachers, outstanding support staff and excellent schools. The awards honour and reward the dedication and passion of staff in public schools, who are committed to providing the best possible education to children across Western Australia. Our School Board and P&C encourage you to recognise dedication, commitment and passion by nominating an individual or the school for an award. Nominations need to be submitted by the chair of the board or president of the P&C. If you feel there is a staff member in the school please contact Nick Emeljanow nickthememeljanow@hotmail.com Chair of the School Board or Marie Protich: dmp000@optusnet.com.au President of the P&C. Please see the attached information.

2018 KINDY ENROLMENTS – APPLICATION DUE FRIDAY

It is very important for parents who have a child entering Kindy in 2018 to get their application in by the end of term to guarantee a place here at Bicton. If you know of a family wishing to enrol for next year please let them know to come to the office and complete the required paperwork. Completed application forms must include a copy of your child's birth certificate, proof of residential address (eg utilities bill), visa subclass details (if applicable) and the ACIR Immunisation History Statement.

SCHOOL SECURITY

The gardener and cleaners have to spend a lot of time cleaning the school grounds especially the verandahs after the weekends. We would appreciate if you are around to keep an eye out for any inappropriate behavior and contact School Watch on 1800 177 777 if necessary.

MERIT AWARDS

The following students were Merit Award Winners at our last assembly on Friday, 23rd June. Congratulations and keep up the hard work.

PP1	Ashlee C
Room 1	Indiana H, Nate D
Room 2	Hollis D
Room 3	Lola P
Room 4	William B, Dylan E
Room 5	Jake M, Max K
Room 7	Roison M
Room 8	Grace C
Room 9	Ethan C
Room 10	Shequia M
Room 14	Eliot N

Aussie of the Month Eden C

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

If you would like your child/ren supervised after early close on Wednesdays, please email the office.

FORESHORE FUTURE – Ben Langdon Year 5

Brittle sticks with sharp, pointy ends suddenly pierced my legs and I wobbled unsteadily. I regained my balance and was immediately back on my foreshore saving adventure. As carefully as possible, I removed the banksia seedling from its pot and delicately placed it dead centre in the dry well of soil. I breathed a quick sigh of relief. First step done! It was very satisfying as I shoved bamboo stakes into the crusty, unhealthy soil, but not for long. My instructor took over, hammering down the stakes with a mallet.

We were planting banksia seedlings to save the Carnaby Black Cockatoo. The cockatoo is very beautiful, but endangered, as one of its food sources (the candle stick banksia) has been eradicated from their habitat. The cockatoos became hungry and retaliated by leaving the area. A fertilizer tablet helped feed the miraculous tree so it would grow to a majestic, tall beauty and be the sparkle of the foreshore. The water we poured on had soaked into the soil and was on its way to irrigate the banksia roots. As the years pass, our foreshore will be exploding with enthralling vegetation.

We took a quick break and started eating recess. Personally, I thought my chocolate fudge brownies were the most spectacular.

My final banksia was planted and that instant I heard something about a Black Flag. At first I was intrigued and curious and I realised this was fascinating. Apparently, it is an invasive weed that kills native and exotic flora. Black Flags are horrendous, with poisonous spikes. As I heard this, I submerged into a lake of hatred for this assassin. However, I was optimistic knowing my friends and I were helping to replenish the exotic beauty of this banksia grove.

